



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
5th Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2017*



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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**St John's**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m. TBA

Daily Mass, Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday

After Mass.

**St Ann's**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

9:00 a.m.

**Saint John the Evangelist**

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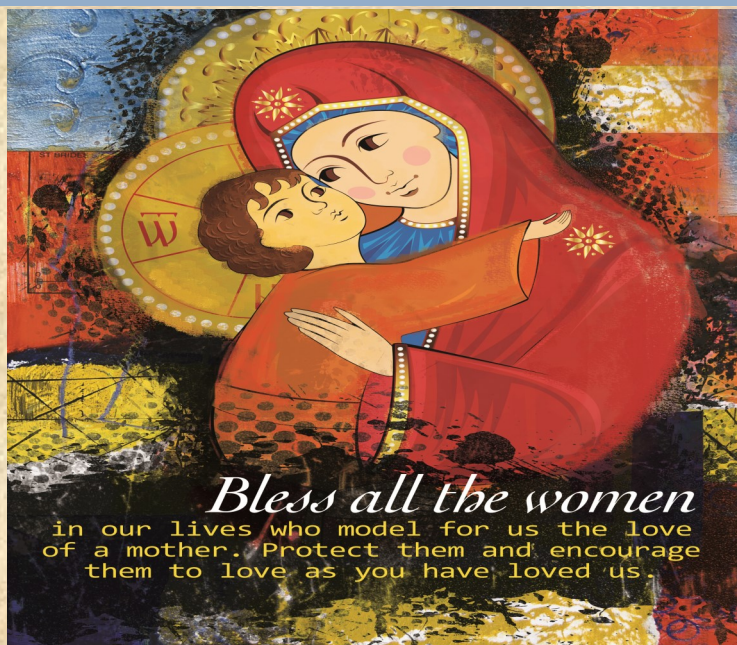
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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Please call for registration.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

St John's - 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-8 p.m. in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

May 14, 2017—5th Sunday in Easter

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, May 13, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

#### Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:00 - Armand Franiosi — Birthday Rem.

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

#### Saturday, May 20, 2017

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — 1st Anniversary

#### Sunday, May 21, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Tony & Lu Cruz — Memorial

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, May 13, 2017

4:00 - Judith MacLelellan — 1st Anniversary

#### Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:30 — Carolyn Mary Oliviere - Month's Mind

10:30 — Mary & John Picanzo — Memorial

#### Friday, May 19, 2017

9:00 — Ann Carriere — 4th Anniversary

#### Saturday, May 20, 2017

4:00 — John Cusack — 1st Anniversary

#### Sunday, May 21, 2017

8:30 — Joseph Micciche — Birthday Remem

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

## DEACONS' CORNER

Last month, our young men and women in our parishes received the Sacrament of Confirmation, thus earning their rightful place among us as full members of our communities. Upon their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, they were given the gifts of the Holy Spirit, namely wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord (wonder and awe).

How many of us Confirmed adult Catholics remember the "fruit of the Spirit"? To refresh our memories, they are love, peace, patience (older word is forbearance) kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. Saint Paul in his letter to the Galatians encourages his readers to be generous servants to one another in love. This is the opposite of living an existence completely and totally centered on self. Gordon Fee, a spiritual writer of the last century tells us that "we have been invaded by the living God Himself in the person of His Spirit whose goal is to infect us thoroughly with God's own likeness". Saint Paul refers to this infection as the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you,

Deacon Brendan

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Poet and novelist Vanna Bonta was once quoted as saying that she considers herself "more exportant than important". Forgiving her the act of making up a word, her point is well taken, especially in light of today's readings. The readings for this weekend are all about service, discipleship and the act of putting oneself second to the needs of others.

In the first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, we recall the institution of the diaconate. As our own Deacons Joe and Brendan can tell you, the diaconate is a ministry of service. It was "created" because there were members of the community (widows) whose basic human needs were not being met. This did not sit well with the Hellenists who were, to say the least, skeptical of this "New Way" (as Christianity was first called). In calling together the seven mentioned in today's reading, the basic needs of service were met while the prayer of the others could be undertaken. This is not to say that prayer was more important than service; in fact, quite the opposite. The ministry of the diaconate was established because service to the community was vitally important to its well-being. In this way, Jesus' command to care for the "least" among us would be met.

In our second reading, we see how our lives of discipleship rest on the "cornerstone" (1 Pt 2:6) who is Christ. This "living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God" (1 Pt 2:4), is the "template" by which we are to model our lives. We all belong to the "priesthood of the baptized", and as such are called to model our lives after the "great High Priest" who is Christ. His priesthood was one of service, and ours must be as well. If we are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we must put our needs, wants and desires second to those of the community.

In our gospel passage, we hear of how the works that we do mirror our faith in God. It is not that we can ever "earn" our way into heaven, but the works we do show our faith in the One who instills in us the will to respond to God's call to serve our brothers and sisters. Last month, a number of our young people said "yes" to God in a very particular way by receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. In doing this, they publicly proclaimed their willingness to undertake a life of service in, and for, the Church. In preparing for this sacrament, they undertook various service projects, serving the needs of their brothers and sisters in our local communities.

May we all hear and respond to God's call to serve His people. May we know that this call is the fulfillment of our baptismal call to put our needs second to that of our brothers and sisters. May we know the way to the Father by following Christ in all that we say, do and are by seeing the needs of our brothers and sisters, responding to those needs and always striving for the greater glory of God!

A Blessed Easter Season to All,

Fr. Paul





# COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

**ATTENTION!!!!!!**  
**ADORATION IS MOVING TO TUESDAY NIGHTS**  
**AT ST. JOHN'S —7 PM**  
**EVERY TUESDAY EVENING**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**



We, Saint Ann and Saint John, are interested in your input. We would like to know how you think we are doing since we have become a collaboration. You ARE the parishes. Tell us what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

Please fill out this form and return it in the baskets provided at the doors of the churches.

What do you feel is going well?

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What would you like to see changed?

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What improvements would you like to see?

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The Increased Offertory Campaign:

## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

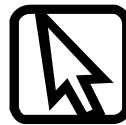
In the weeks ahead, you will be reading and hearing more about a new program taking place in our parish. The program, the Increased Offertory Campaign, is an opportunity for all of us to address the most pressing needs in our parish through this increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collection by at least 20%.

Currently Saint Ann's weekly collection is \$3,500. To address our needs, we need to increase our income to \$4,200.

Currently Saint John's weekly collection is \$5,500. To address our needs, we need to increase our income to \$6,600.

Each week, this space in the bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning the Increased Offertory Campaign. Please be on the lookout for more information about this exciting opportunity.

Development Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Ann's at 7PM



Stewardship Link: Luke 12:34, Matthew 6:21  
*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The donations made to St. Vincent de Paul bring the love of Christ and compassion to our neighbor's in need.**



Any East Bridgewater resident who is in need of food or other assistance should call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are times when we receive outdated food. If the food is older than 6 months we cannot keep it in the Food Pantry. Kindly check the dates before making a donation. Thank you!



Every Thursday night  
 At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center  
 Doors Open at 5:00



WAIT  
*Patiently*  
FOR THE  
LORD.  
BE BRAVE &  
COURAGEOUS

Psalm 27:14

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**Google Calendars** are  
available on our websites.

**Our Team**

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring  
Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team  
Meets the 4th Thursday of  
each Month

Youth Leadership Team  
Meets regularly

# L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

**Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission:** Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

May 12th, 2017



## Summer at our Collaborative

Something for everyone this summer!  
Service, Faith, and Fun for All Ages!

### Let's Visit and Dream Together for Year 2! Coffee or Lemonade Chats are returning for the summer!



The nice weather is coming and we would like to visit with you to give you an opportunity to offer ideas, suggestions, and concerns about our Parishes, programs and Collaborative faith journey. The planning for our second year as a Collaborative Ministry needs to begin. We can chat one to one or you can gather a few friends to get together at your home, in our office, at the park or playground or under the tent at the Rectory. We will bring some goodies with us and a listening ear. No need for a huge time commitment, an hour will be a perfect amount of time to chat. We hope this will be a comfortable way to offer ideas. If there is a question that can't be answered, it will be brought to the right person and a follow-up answer will be given. Our Collaborative is a place for our families to come together in faith, grow in the love of Christ, and do so at each of our own individual paces. Our calendar is open for daytime chats or evening chats- whatever works best for you and your friends. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nenn71@hotmail.com to schedule your coffee, ice tea, or park visit!



## Time to Register for our 15th Summer!



**July 31– August 4th**  
**9:00 am– 12:00 pm**  
**St. John Parish Hall**  
**Age 3 and up**  
**\$43.00 per student/\$100 family cap**

## 2017 Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

Time to register for this truly amazing week for the whole family.

- Our Pre-School is open to children age 3– entering first grade next fall.
- Our Elementary Crews are open to children in grades 1-6.
- Our volunteer crew leaders are open to anyone in 7th grade and up.
- We also need adult help.

On-line registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>



**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ADDICTION?**

**in/out patient health services**

**training on nasal Naloxone**

**1st & 3rd Thursday of each month**

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## 2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip Richmond, Virginia June 25th– July 1st Sign-Up Deadline Extended!



We have been given an extension to fill the remaining spots for our Catholic Heart-Richmond, Virginia Trip. This is an amazing of week of service to the communities in and around Richmond Virginia. The trip is open to students entering the 8th grade in the fall and up. This will be our 4th summer serving with CHWC. This is a trip rooted in our faith, but don't dismiss the possibility of coming because you think a "Church" trip is boring. The days are filled with service and activities that are fun, entertaining and help us grow in our faith., while we are having a ton of fun. We have a dance party one night, enjoy Taco Tuesday together and lots of other surprises. The cost is \$630 and it includes the \$350 registration fee for Catholic Heart for our lodging and food during the week. We have, in the past, held fundraisers like a Meat Raffle or Car Washes to help with that cost.

Chaperones are welcome, pending a Cori Check, and will find this week as rewarding as our Youth! We are sure you have questions and we are here to answer them! We can also put you in touch with our past attendees. Don't let an unanswered question be the reason you don't join our team! Please Contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com to sign-up or to ask questions.

**July 14-16, 2017  
U Mass Lowell  
\$270 program, lodging, food  
\$50.00 deposit due to reserve your spot**

STEUBENVILLE **FUEL**

**3 spaces left!**

Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy. This weekend is open to students in 8th-12th grade. There will be thousands of youth from around New England and beyond. Life Teen hosts Steubenville Youth Conferences with the hopes of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences are both a great "introduction" to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship.



## Hometown Mission Trip/Summer Shindig

Plans are underway to for a Hometown Mission Trip. In conversation with Vince Adornato, President of St. John's St. Vincent DePaul, a wonderful new idea had been created. Out of this collaborative brainstorming came the idea to create a day or two of service in East and West Bridgewater this summer. Tentative date will be

Friday, July 6th and Saturday, July 7th. Our Service Days will be looking for East or West Bridgewater residences that need help with yard work, simple home repair, or daily chores. Depending on the number of volunteers we will determine how many residents we will be able to help. It may also be possible to partner with other organizations in East and West Bridgewater to make these days successful. Our Hometown Mission Trip will need volunteers of all ages. You could volunteer for one day or both days. Volunteers with a variety of experiences and talents will help add to the service we are able to offer. Please contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490 to volunteer, to offer suggestions or help plan our first Hometown Mission Trip!

A great way to celebrate our days of service will be our  
2nd Annual Country Shindig!  
Saturday, July 8th at 5:00 pm  
BBQ, Ponies, Games, Entertainment, Dancing  
\$10.00 per person, \$25.00 family ticket, \$5.00 seniors/children

Our Youth Leadership Team will plan this event and all youth are welcome to join in the planning!  
We had a great time last year.



## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

### St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

May 7, 2017     \$3,405     Youth Ministry \$977



### St Ann Prayer Line:

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email **Linda Santry at 508-586-6535** or [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org). If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.



### First Communion Information

Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 9th &  
Fri. May 12th, 6:30 PM

First Communion: May 13th, 10:00 AM

Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 16th &  
Friday May 19th, 6:30 PM  
First Communion: May 20th, 10:00 AM

### West Bridgewater Food Pantry

**The cupboards are empty.**

**There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.**

**Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!**



Saint Ann's will be holding  
A  
**BABY SHOWER**  
On  
May 6, 2017 & MAY 13, 2017

Donations of clothing, diapers, wipes, baby incidentals, etc. are welcome. If you choose to make a monetary donation, checks should be payable to:

**Friends of the Unborn.**



**To strengthen stewardship at St. Ann Parish, we request that you to consider utilizing a new and easier way to support our parish...Electronic Giving.**

After careful consideration and research, Father Ring and the Finance Council have agreed to make a viable effort to provide our community with a new and better way to support our church. We hope that your family will also join this spiritual movement and offer your commitments of treasure via a secure, convenient and automatic on-line giving platform.

Please visit the parish website [mobilesawb.com](http://mobilesawb.com) or contact the parish office at 508-586-4880 to receive more information.

### Blessing of Mothers

*During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:*

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## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

<i>St John's Shared Treasure:</i>	<i>Goal</i> \$5,900
<i>April 30—Offertory</i>	4,795
<i>Below goal:</i>	<b>1,105</b>
<i>Home Mission 2nd Coll:</i>	1046
<b>Total Under Budget = \$18,620</b>	
<i>Grand Annual</i>	<b>\$30,798</b>

May 14, 2017 — Snow removal — due to the deficit

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen Debeneditis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Carter Cullen Mariann Moberg, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeffer, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Donna Millis, Jean Beaman, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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*Congratulations to the children who received their FIRST COMMUNION These past two weekends. May they continue to enjoy receiving the host week after week*

Saint John's Yard Sale — Saturday June 3rd  
Any donations to this effort would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off Friday or left in the barn.

Help is always welcome.  
**Proceeds will go for Saint John's Church.**